

SENATE BILL No. 17

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-31.5-2; IC 35-46-1-4.5.

Synopsis: Unattended child in car. Makes it a Class C infraction to leave an unsupervised child in a motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is located at the person's residence and the engine is off.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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January 7, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections & Criminal Law.



Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-31.5-2-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 34.5. "Care", for purposes of**
- 4 **IC 35-46-1-4.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-46-1-4.5.**
- 5 SECTION 2. IC 35-31.5-2-342.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 342.5. "Unsupervised", for**
- 8 **purposes of IC 35-46-1-4.5, has the meaning set forth in**
- 9 **IC 35-46-1-4.5.**
- 10 SECTION 3. IC 35-46-1-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 11 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 12 1, 2014]: **Sec. 4.5. (a) As used in this section, "care" includes care**
- 13 **assumed:**
- 14 **(1) voluntarily; or**
- 15 **(2) because of a legal obligation.**
- 16 **(b) As used in this section, "unsupervised" means not under the**



- 1 supervision of a person at least twelve (12) years of age.
2 (c) A person having the care of a child less than six (6) years of
3 age may not leave the child unsupervised in a motor vehicle.
4 (d) It is a defense to an action under this section that the:
5 (1) motor vehicle was located at the person's residence; and
6 (2) engine of the motor vehicle was off.
7 (e) A person who violates this section commits a Class C
8 infraction.

